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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 3763
MIDDLEMAN et al.)
Serial No.: 09/123,614) Examiner: Cris L. Rodriguez
Filed: June 28, 1998)
For: DEVICE FOR ANCHORING)
TUBULAR ELEMENT) Pasadena, California

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